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Getting a jump on the future

You won't believe what I just heard ...

By Brig. Gen. William P. Kane
302nd AW commander

As we approach another mobilization and deployment, the rate at which rumors

spread is increasing very rapidly. I have no absolute solution to that problem, but I have some thoughts on reducing its negative impact.

First, I think it is important to acknowledge that information flows in more ways than we would have considered possible a few years ago. Unfortunately, little of that information is quality controlled for accuracy. Some of that information will be precisely correct, and some will be entirely incorrect.

Certainly, few people have the patience to wait for "official word." Dealing with a bureaucracy like the Air Force can require considerable patience. On the other hand, acting on rumors can be foolhardy. So how can you know what to believe? The answer is simple, "verify."

Here are a few ways in which "verify" comes into play:

1. Verify – As you hear things from overseas that trouble you, check with the unit commander or first sergeant.

2. Don't act independently – I have heard stories (that I hope are untrue) of people making crucial family decisions based on rumors, and then being devastated when the

rumor was false. So, verify before you act.

3. Check the facts (verify) before passing the "great story" along to others. I certainly encourage family involvement and verification, but it would be best for all of us if the facts were accurate.

4. Validate (verify) – We have all played the party game where a story is told to a person and then it is passed down the line. By the end of a half a dozen people, the story has little resemblance to the original. So, don't take your source for granted, and validate the facts.

5. If news isn't forthcoming from the wing, talk to us (verify). If there is news from our folks overseas, we will forward it on as quickly as possible, but we probably won't beat the direct e-mail link.

For some, this upcoming mobilization is "old hat," but for most, it will be wrought with challenges. For someone who is relatively inexperienced with mobilizations, it can be pretty scary.

If the wing and squadrons can keep the families informed, I hope we can make the process a little less threatening. You can help by verifying "rumors" and by communicating "facts."



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Getting a jump on the future

U.S. Air Force Academy basic trainee Mike McVay (left) receives pointers from Tech. Sgt. Miltiadis Drakopoulos, 731st Airlift Squadron loadmaster, about how to perform a static line jump from a C-130. Basic trainees visited Peterson Air Force Base July 19-20 to view a variety of aircraft and learn about careers as Air Force aviators. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

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Airmen, spiritual strength and core values

By Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff

Our lives changed when we took the oath to defend our nation and put on the uniform of an Airman. But what was that change? Was it merely symbols — uniform, rank, and badges? No, it was a transformation from whoever we were before to someone vested in higher order values, a transformation into a part of something bigger than ourselves. We come from all walks of life, from every part of our Nation. We are different people from diverse backgrounds and with our diversity we bring different sets of values. We have different hopes and aspirations, different goals and different beliefs. It is perhaps our Nation's greatest strength that, since its founding, we can stand shoulder to shoulder with people of different origins and beliefs for a single purpose — to serve.

As part of our service in the United States Air Force we are expected to embrace its Core Values: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence In All We Do. These Values are a guide that binds us together, even as we fight for the right to be different in so many other ways. We use the word "Core" because we expect these values to be fundamental to our service, to guide our commitment to our country and our mission, and to serve as a test for the decisions we make in both our personal and professional lives. Our commitment to these Core Values means that

they are more than just words posted on a wall or recited by rote. They reside in the front row of our daily lives to help us wrestle with our toughest decisions and to guide us on our path of service as Airmen.

At our Air Force Academy, we have experienced issues with expressions of religious beliefs and with perceptions that one set of beliefs is favored over others. Remember Service Before Self. Religion is intensely personal and disagreements can detract from the teamwork necessary for Air Force units. In particular, sharing personal beliefs in a professional setting, one where leaders are performing their duties in a chain of command or in a superior-subordinate relationship, can easily become improper influence about personal matters. Furthermore, it can be resented. A friend of mine recently expressed it this way: "The core task of every leader in the profession of arms is uniting his or her people into a strong team, with levels of trust and commitment so high the unit keeps working well even under extreme pressure. Everyone in a unit contributes to that task." Anything that detracts from that teamwork ultimately detracts from the mission.

What does this mean about how leaders should approach spiritual strength? Spiritual strength is an integral part of leadership. Our greatest leaders are able to elevate the human spirit and inspire extraordinary performance.

Spiritual strength is what drives us to make sacrifices for others, for our Nation, and for the greater good. For some, a commitment to a specific religious faith is a source for that spiritual strength, but not for all. For some, it is their heritage and the experience of a community of people within our human family. For others, it is the way they were touched as individuals by



a family member, teacher, or leader's work of faith or charity. As we stress our Core Value of Service Before Self, we see spiritual strength as its foundation, whether or not an individual sees himself or herself as religious.

Faith and religious freedom were fundamental to the founding of this Nation. Chaplains are part of our profession of arms and have a unique charter: to minister to those who share their specific faith, to facilitate ministry to those of other faiths, and to care for all — including those whose

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Defining quality – in the workplace and at home

By Chief Master Sgt. Larry Crooks
302nd AW Quality Assurance

How do we define quality? Speaking in the most general terms, quality can be defined as the degree or grade of excellence or worth.

Through our life experiences, many of us feel confident in our ability to recognize a high degree of quality when we see it, such as quality

craftsmanship or quality of life.

One of the problems I have encountered with quality has always been the lurking impression that we're talking about degrees of "goodness."

People refer to "high quality" restaurants or "low quality" products with no tangible measurement. Those of us who have to make quality happen must have a definition that is manageable and measurable. Goodness is neither.

One of the basic definitions

we here at the 302nd Airlift Wing Quality Assurance office utilize is "conformance to requirements." It allows us to measure performance, or the lack of, and place emphasis where the problem originates.

Many of these tools which we utilize for compliance in aircraft maintenance can be adapted to "quality of life" issues.

Have you set goals in life and are able to measure progress? Have you discussed these goals with your significant other and

worked as a team to achieve the target? Do you and your family sit down together and discuss setbacks and develop a new course of action to achieve the goal and measure progress?

There are numerous ways to improve quality at work and at home.

I task you as leaders, or future leaders, to study ways to improve your quality in what you have created, loved, believed in or left as a legacy.

Ops director takes reins at 14th Test Squadron

By Maj. Michael H. Phan
14th Test Squadron

The 14th Test Squadron director of operations assumed command of the unit July 9 in a ceremony at the Peterson Air & Space Museum Hangar. Lt. Col. Kathleen Barrish succeeded Lt. Col. Gary Hinton, who will become the chief of Plans and Programs for the 310th Space Group at Schriever Air Force Base.

Colonel Barrish's previous assignments include tours with the 44th Missile Wing and 28th Supply Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa.; 310th SG; and Air Reserve Forces at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB.

Colonel Barrish graduated from West Virginia University in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in Geology. In 1994, she earned a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from South Dakota State University.

Her military education includes Squadron Officer School in 1998 and Air Command and Staff College in 2001.

Colonel Barrish is qualified to wear the Basic Missile Operator Badge, Communication and Information Management Badge and Personnel Badge. Her military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal with a service star.



Col. Jeffrey J. Ansted, 310th Space Group deputy commander, hands command of the 14th Test Squadron to Lt. Col. Kathleen Barrish as Master Sgt. Ed Coronado, 14th TS first sergeant, looks on. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kim Kruse-Johnson)

302nd AW spouse snags Aerospace Education Foundation scholarship

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The wife of a 302nd Airlift Wing member is a recipient of a \$1,000 Air Force Association scholarship. Jacquelyn Gaiters-Jordan, wife of Tech. Sgt. Ronald Jordan, 302nd Maintenance Squadron, electrical and environmental systems craftsman, is one of



**Jacquelyn
Gaiters-Jordan**

three Air Force Reserve Command spouses to receive the 2005 Aerospace Education Foundation Spouse Scholarship. Thirty scholarships were given out Air Force wide.

"I was actually surprised, honored, and humbled when I received the letter advising me that I was a scholarship recipient," said Mrs. Gaiters-Jordan.

"This scholarship will help me meet my educational goal of earning Doctorate of Education in Developmental Education. The course work that I complete at the Kellogg Institute is applicable to the Ed.D program at Grambling University, the only university in the United States which offers an Ed.D in Developmental Studies." She begins course work at Grambling in the fall of 2006.

According to Mrs. Gaiters-Jordan, the Kellogg Institute is a 4-week residency seminar offered by the National Center for Developmental Education at Appalachian State University-Boone, NC. Participants who attend the Institute and complete a practicum at their home institution earn certification as a Developmental Education Specialist.

"Developmental educators help those college students who are not yet adequately prepared for the rigors of college level course work gain the skills they need to be successful in college," she said. "As an instructor of College Prep English at Pikes Peak Community College, I enjoy working with developmental students."

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Albany State University-Albany, Ga.; completed course work at Regis University in Colorado and will receive a Master of Arts in English-Composition and Rhetoric. She also has a Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate this fall from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Applicants had to be an Air Force spouse, carry a minimum 3.5 grade point average, be accepted to an accredited college or university, write an essay about their goals and submit two letters of recommendation.

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spiritual strength does not come from religious belief. Our chaplains should set the

example for mutual respect among different faiths and beliefs. Service Before Self.

There will be more specific guidance about expressions of personal religious beliefs. This

guidance will emphasize mutual respect and the wingman culture fundamental to all Airmen. The expression of personal preferences to subordinates, especially in a professional

setting or at mandatory events, is inappropriate. More importantly, we should always be guided by our Core Values. That's what makes us the superb Airmen that we are.

Corrosion control facility worth the wait

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The 302nd Maintenance Squadron must have felt like it belonged in that old ketchup commercial. You know, the one about "anticipation." After years of having its patience put to the test, the 302nd MXS is finally getting a new corrosion control facility.

Ground was broken July 18 for the state-of-the-art facility, being built adjacent to Bldg. 216. It caps eight years of thoughtful planning, dating back to a time when Larry Franzen recognized a need for a new facility. Mr. Franzen, since retired from the 302nd Airlift Wing, was influential in the process, as were Senior Master Sgt. Garrin Pies, 302nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight chief, and Master Sgt. William Harris, 302nd MXS Fabrication Flight structural supervisor.

"This facility is unique in that it will have compartments for each phase of the corrosion treatment," said Sergeant Pies. "The paint stripping area will have a large plastic media room for removing paint. A prep room will accommodate scuff sanding and preparation prior to sending the aircraft parts to the paint area. The paint area will feature heating elements to enhance drying. The plastic media blasting area will feature a floor grate that will permit recycling of the plastic media. The prep area and the paint area will feature downdraft airflow that will increase safety for military and civilian employees working in the facility."

The facility will permit corrosion treatment on aircraft parts in accordance with the latest guidance from the Air Force Corrosion office and Air Force technical orders. It is believed this facility will incorporate the very latest technology and will be a world class facility for the Air Force.

"This groundbreaking comes after approximately five years of planning and working with the designers and civil engineering personnel of 21st Space Wing, 22nd Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command," said Col. Michael T. O'Halloran, 302nd Maintenance Group commander. "The personnel in the structural repair shop deserve a lot of credit for their vision and determination to ensure development of the very best facility for our mission."

When plans for the construction of Bldg.

216 were being drawn up, they included moving in the paint booth which was housed in Bldg. 625, even though it represented 1930s technology. When Bldg. 216 was completed in 1997, it was determined the air flow was not adequate enough and the Peterson Air Force Base Bioenvironmental Lab would not approve painting, according to Mr. Franzen. Over the next five to six years, approximately \$250,000 was spent in an effort to make the 216 paint booth operational.

"As work on the Bldg. 216 paint booth continued, I recognized what was really needed was not just a paint booth, but a facility that would accommodate the entire process," said Mr. Franzen. "While a paint booth can be used to paint parts, there is no room to strip paint or repair corroded metal. Air Force standards and OSHA standards forbid exposure to paint dust and spray paint. This type work is monitored very carefully by environmental health and the bio-environmental lab."

In late 1997, Sergeants Harris and Pies came to the 302nd MXS and teamed with Mr. Franzen on the project.

"Together, our knowledge on corrosion facilities increased tremendously," said Mr. Franzen, who gained valuable insight that year at the AFRC Fabrication Flight Chief conference in Minneapolis, Minn., where a tour of the 934th AW's new corrosion facility was on the agenda.

"My visit to Minneapolis in 1999 gave us the concept of developing compartments for each phase of the corrosion treatment process. I made arrangements to revisit Minneapolis along with Master Sgt. Dave Wilson, Air Force Reserve Command fabrication



Senior Master Sgt (ret.) Larry Franzen (foreground) and Col. Michael T. O'Halloran, 302nd Maintenance Group commander, team up to break ground for the 302nd Maintenance Squadron's new corrosion control facility. It took a true "team effort" and several years of patience to make the facility become reality. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

functional manager. Sergeant Wilson provided key suggestions that would move this dream to the development stage."

According to Mr. Franzen, the corrosion control facility drew the support of then 302nd AW commander Brig. Gen. Richard R. Moss and Maj. Gen. James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, but continued to run into roadblocks. In 2003, Sergeant Pies assumed a larger role and refused to reduce the project scope. Mr. Franzen retired seven months ago with the project still awaiting final approval and was invited back to participate in the ground breaking ceremony.

Brig. Gen. William P. Kane, 302nd AW commander, credited those individuals who stuck with the project, ultimately ensuring it would someday become reality.

"I think it's only by the virtue of the tenacity of the folks involved that this is happening," he said at the groundbreaking ceremony.

That tenacity will pay off next spring when the new corrosion control facility opens.

New 310th SG headquarters 'brings out the stars'

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Saturday was a great day for the only space group in the Air Force Reserve. A calm breeze blew from the south, the sun shone brightly in a cloudless sky, and the stars were out.

Lt. Gen. Dan Leaf, Air Force Space Command vice commander, and Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander, each brought three. Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin, 10th Air Force commander, brought two. Other general officers brought stars as well, in groups of one or two.

The brightest stars, however, were the men and women of the 310th Space Group whose new building here opened for business with a "snip" of scissors through a blue ribbon. Building 406 will take care of Schriever's reservists and give them the means to better fulfill their mission, said Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th SG commander.

"This is meaningful to us all," said Brig. Gen. Frank Casserino, mobilization assistant to the 20th Air Force commander and a former 310th SG commander. "You have the chance to see promotions and signs of success and growth when you stand up a new unit. It's a testimony to the good people we have in this organization."

The building began as a concept in the summer of 1999 when then Colonel Casserino declared, "We need our own building." The building went from a declaration in 1999 to a budget proposal in 2002 and finally to a completed facility.

"It's hard to imagine we've done so much in such a short period of time," said Colonel Griffin.

The new facility cost about \$7 million and makes more than 28,000 square feet available for 310th SG's operations and future expansion—an expansion Colonel Griffin eagerly awaits.

"(AFSPC commander Gen. Lance Lord) has told me many times that he wants us to get more involved," he said. "There will be more jobs for us and new efforts we undertake."



Left to right, Col. John Hyten, 50th Space Wing commander; Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve Command; Airman 1st Class Scott Hollister, 310th Space Group satellite system operator and lowest ranking member of the unit; and Col. Roscoe Griffin, 310th SG commander; gather for the ceremonial ribbon cutting for Bldg. 406. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum)

In the interim, the group will continue to do what it has done here since its stand-up in 1997: work alongside Team 5-0 to make sure service members in the field have the tools they need to fight and win. "Almost everything the 50th Space Wing does, we do," said Colonel Griffin.

"I consider the 310th part of the 50th Space Wing because we can't do our job without them," said Col. John Hyten, 50th SW commander. "It is a team, and that's how it's supposed to be."

"We needed this building really badly," Colonel Hyten continued. "We try to be good hosts, and it's easier to do that when we have the facilities."

The ceremony kicked off with Shannon O'Roark Griffin, Colonel Griffin's wife, singing the Star-Spangled Banner. Attendees from previous and present-day members of the group and a flyover from a B-25 Mitchell

bomber tied the 310th's past and future together.

The 310th Bombardment Group, activated in March 1942 and inactivated in September 1945, flew B-25 sorties over parts of Southern Europe and North Africa during World War II. "It's nice to have this link to our heritage with us," said General Bradley shortly after the flyover. "They have a (Global Positioning System) receiver on board, and some of our folks help take care of them."

The new building is a facility the 310th well deserves, said General Bradley. "One thing that amazes me about the 310th's reservists is how smart they are," he said. "There are so many people here who bring civilian skills into Reserve jobs and vice versa, and that's good for America."

In the new building, the stars of the 310th will continue to shine.

Working through the difficult emotions of deployment

By Chaplain (Capt.) Tim Wilson

302nd AW Chaplain

Change is always difficult! Although, understanding what change looks like before it happens can make all the difference in the world. There are seven identifiable stages that most of us go through during a deployment. Understanding them and then recognizing where you



are among the emotional stages is critical to making the deployment experience as beneficial as humanly possible.

Emotional challenges come before anyone leaves. It is the pre-deployment crunch. When the news first arrives your mind races to the future as you “anticipate the loss” of someone you love and have come to rely upon. Questions like “What will it be like?” and “How will things get done?” play on your emotions. Then comes the sad realizations of birthdays that will be missed, delayed anniversary cel-

ebrations and graduations that cannot be attended together. Anticipating the loss can lead to an unsettling stress level within a relationship.

Strange as it sounds the second emotional stage in the pre-deployment predicament is “detachment and withdrawal.” You love and cherish the other person, but you, often unconsciously, try to soften the hurtful blow of being apart by emotionally pulling away. Frequently, emotional withdrawal is accompanied by an increase in arguing and bickering. Couples, on occasion, feel guilty as the time they could be using to support one another is squandered by squabbling. With so much energy going toward preparations for the deployment it is important to recognize the complex emotions that naturally surface and then to go the extra step of openly and intentionally communicating your feelings with the ones you care so much about.

During the deployment there are three stages that you can anticipate experiencing. Because of all the changes you’re going through expect to feel an initial sense of “emotional disorgani-

zation.” You live on the emotional edge, problems seem bigger than they really are, at times you feel waves of emotions washing over your soul and you wonder, “Where in the world did that come from?” You need to remind yourself that feeling emotionally overwhelmed is part of the process – there will be better days ahead, keep the faith.

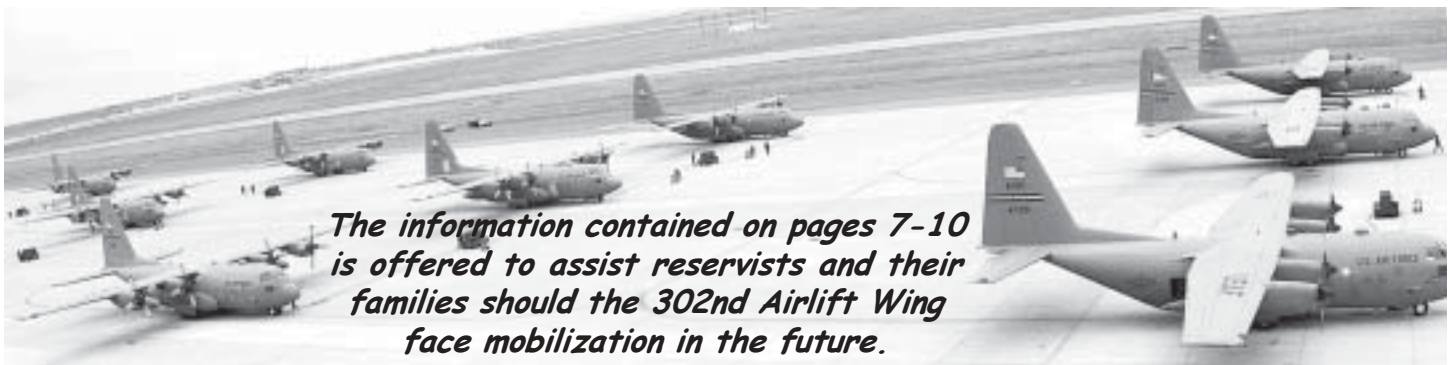
Over time a sense of “recovery and stabilization” almost imperceptibly sets in. There are phone calls, e-mails and new pictures that keep you connected. New challenges have arisen, but remarkably you have mastered them all, or at least the ones that can’t wait. You have become a pro at improvising, “putting out fires” and, when the situation dictates, “tap dancing” around it. Life is not the same without the one you love but you are making it - and incredibly it seems “almost normal.”

Another stage occurs as the end of the deployment nears and you begin “anticipating the homecoming.” You are “short” - the day you have been longing for is getting closer and closer. However, you can’t help but wonder “if anything has changed.” It is a perplexing paradox: I am the same person I was and yet time and experiences have a way of changing me; and if I have changed how about those I love, how have they changed? In some ways

coming home is like being back together again for the very first time. It is both an exciting and tenuous time.

Coming home starts the “renegotiation” stage. After the initial joy of being back, certain lifestyle readjustments need to be made. Some of the roles may be reinstated or changed or, in some cases, at least modified. It takes time and effort to operate as a team again. Finally, with a sigh of relief the “stabilization” stage arrives, routines are reestablished, every day schedules become second nature – that certain normalcy returns and it all seems like home again.

Getting through a deployment successfully is not easy, but it can be done. Understanding the predictable challenges in each emotional stage is extremely important. Even so, in those low moments remember the prescription penned by the Apostle Paul as he languished in a Roman prison because of a willingness to suffer for the beliefs he held so dear. He encourages us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petitions, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds.” May you experience that God-given peace as you pray for your loved ones who are away from home.



The information contained on pages 7-10 is offered to assist reservists and their families should the 302nd Airlift Wing face mobilization in the future.

Power of attorney a key element

By 302nd AW Judge
Advocate office

A power of attorney is a document that allows someone else to act on your behalf.

The two basic types of powers of attorney are a General Power of Attorney and a Special Power of Attorney.

A General Power of Attorney gives someone else the ability to conduct financial and legal affairs on your behalf. There are two important factors you should consider before you get a General Power of Attorney.

First, it is important to realize that, while powers of attorney are widely used, other people and businesses are not required to accept a power of attorney.

Some organizations will not accept a General Power of Attorney, but will honor a Special Power of Attorney. For example, military pay will only accept a Special Power of Attorney, not a General Power of Attorney. As a general rule it is a good idea to check with the receiving agency prior to filling out a power of attorney.

Second, you must realize that a General Power of Attorney is a

very powerful tool which someone can use to legally obligate you in any way. You will be held accountable even if the power of attorney was used for something you did not intend. Thus, a General Power of Attorney should only be given to someone you trust with everything you own.

A Special Power of Attorney is more limited than a General Power of Attorney. It allows someone else to do very specific things on your behalf, such as buy a particular car, sell your house, or make military pay inquiries or changes.

Special Powers of Attorney

drafted to fit individual needs on a one-time basis or for a limited period of time are usually your best choice.

Powers of attorney are available at the legal office for all military members.

Take time to stop by the 302nd Airlift Wing Judge Advocate office, Bldg. 893, Suite 111, during the next unit training assembly if you have any questions or do not have a power of attorney that you need. Do not wait until you are deployed to consider whether a power of attorney is necessary for you.

It 'pays' to be prepared for mobilization/activation

By Bill Curtis
302nd AW Financial Management

Getting mobilized/activated? Is everything taken care of? The following tips and information can help ensure that you are paid correctly and timely during your mobilization/activation.

Is your direct deposit information correct? Check it out to ensure your pay is going to the correct financial institution. You should verify the account number, routing number, and account type. This information is also used by the 21st Comptroller Squadron, Financial Management Travel Section to send the balance of funds after split disbursement has been applied. If changes are needed, contact the Reserve pay office. Remember, if you change your direct deposit, **DON'T** close out the old account until you have verified that deposits are being made to the new account.

What about my MyPay? As of March 1, MyPay is **MANDATORY** for all reservists. Since hard copy Leave and Earnings Statements are no longer being mailed MyPay is where you will need to go for pay information and copies of your LES. All personnel will have MyPay, so if you haven't done so, now is the time! Contact the RPO to find out how to get MyPay started.

Most personnel should have a Government Travel Card. You will need to verify that your card is still active, has not expired, and that your mailing address is still current. If your card needs to be reactivated, reissued, or your

address needs updating, please contact your unit point of contact. If you have never used your card it will need to be activated. Contact your unit POC to get it activated. In all cases, know who your unit POC is so you can get in touch with them quickly.

Pay entitlements - This is probably the most important item during your mobilization/activation. It is your responsibility for knowing whether or not **YOU** are receiving correct entitlements. Here is what you will be receiving:

Basic Pay - Based on the number of years service and grade at the time of mobilization/activation. This is based on 30 days.

Basic Allowance for Housing - This will be Type I, the high rate, based on your grade, zip code on your mobilization/activation orders and whether you do or do not have dependents. This is based on 30 days.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence - All enlisted personnel will receive \$267.18 per month. Officer personnel receive \$183.99 per month. Both rates are based on 30 days. Simply stated, it means you will pay for meals in the dining facility if you use it. Officers will pay a surcharge if eating in a government dining facility, on top of the meal rate.

Family Separation Allowance - This rate is \$250 per month if you have dependents and are separated from your family for 31 days or more. If you live within the corporate limits of Colorado Springs or are a commuter, you will not receive this allowance for duty at Peterson Air Force Base, only when TDY from Peterson AFB. Non-commuters, those living outside the

commuting area, will be considered TDY to Peterson AFB and are authorized this allowance if being paid per diem.

Incentive Pays - This is for personnel on flying status. Officers will be receiving Air Crew Incentive Pay and enlisted personnel will be Crew member Enlisted Flight Incentive Pay. Rates vary by grade and years of service.

Hostile Fire Pay - This entitlement is at the rate of \$225 a month while in a combat zone. This rate is not based on a 30-day month and received if in the combat zone for one day or on a mission.

Hardship Duty Pay - The amount of this pay is either \$50, \$100 or \$150. This is based on Designation Location as per the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation and has a daily rate based on 30 days.

What about your deductions? Are you claiming what you want for taxes? Do you know what is taxed and what types of deductions you have? Basically any pay item is subject to Federal Income Tax Withholding and State Income Tax Withholding. Your marital status and number of exemptions determines the amount to be withheld. Some states do not have withholding. Allowances are not taxable (i.e. BAS, BAH, FSA). Federal Income Contribution Act or, as we know it, Social Security, is taken from Base Pay only. The other deductions you may have are Standard Group Life Insurance and possibly the Thrift Sav-

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Inspector General may offer some assistance

By Col. Michael J. Marques
302nd AW Inspector General

The mobilization alert order arrives and you are notified to report for activation and deployment. You haven't notified your employer. Your personal life is a mess. You just aren't ready and you need an out. Who can you go to? Maybe the inspector general can help. "I know, I'll file a complaint and that should stop this dreadful activation."

If this is you, let's clarify what an IG can and can't do for you. First of all, the IG works for the commander who appointed the IG. The IG is charged with independently evaluating complaints of wrongs involving violations of laws, policies and procedures regarding military members. Inspector generals have no authority to stop any actions in progress. They may investigate and substantiate or non-substantiate allegations of wrong-doing.

So how can an IG help the unfortunate reservist avoid the activation? The fact is they can't. How can the IG help a reservist? Activation is complicated because of the change from civilian to military status, and back afterwards, along with all of the changes in ben-

efits and programs supporting reservists and their families. An IG can help the military member and his or her family resolve complaints associated with those military policies and programs which affect the member and his or her family. The IG is there to listen to the complaint and take one of several actions.

Most complaints involve poor communication, miscommunication, or just the sense that something is not right. An IG can often assist the member in clarifying the situation to determine if there is a violation of law, policy or procedure. More than 80 percent of all IG contacts result in assistance rather than filing a complaint.

If a complaint is processed, an IG will perform an initial evaluation of a complaint, using the complainant's information, to determine if the facts might possibly represent a violation. The IG may then dismiss the complaint, refer the complainant to an appropriate administrative organization with authority to follow-up in their functional area, transfer the complaint to another IG representing a commander with authority to handle the allegation if it is substantiated, or pursue an investigation.

Investigations often take a number of months to complete and involve gathering of facts, formal interviews and a findings process where each allegation is found substantiated or not substantiated. The report is then provided to the commander for action based on any findings that are substantiated. In many cases, conducting an investigation only causes delays in taking action to correct a wrong that could be acted upon quicker by the appropriate commander. Inspector generals will often try to encourage complainants to take their complaints directly to the command chain for quicker resolution, especially if quick action will help mitigate the impact of the wrong.

Your 302nd Airlift wing IGs are here to help resolve your complaints. I am the primary IG is myself and I can be reached at 556-5335. My office is in Bldg. 895, Room 123. During the business week the wing provides an additional duty alternate IG, Lt. Col. Melinda Clearwater. She can be contacted at 556-0142 and her office is in Bldg. 893, Suite 107.

If you are called for activation, make sure your family has these contact numbers so the IG can help resolve their military issues.

Deployment safety – valuable tips for wing members

By Master Sgt. Bob Smith
302nd AW Ground Safety

You are a valuable member of the 302nd Airlift Wing, whether here or on a deployment. An injury to yourself or a team member will no doubt adversely affect the mission, so we all must do everything we can to stay safe.

To protect yourself and Air Force property, your first reaction to any task should be to 'ACT.'

Access the situation

Consider options to limit risk

Take appropriate action

Accessing the situation can amount to almost anything. Are you trained to do the task, do you have enough help, do you have the correct PPE, do you have the proper license/certification or many other questions you can ask yourself depending on the situa-

tion?

Consider all the options available to limit the risk. This could be as simple as finding a pair of gloves, getting extra help or contracting the project out to a civilian company.

Take the appropriate action. If you've accessed the situation, determined it unsafe and come up with options to make the task safer yet you chose not perform the task safely, it is a waste of time performing the previous two steps and you may put yourself and others at risk.

Mishaps that are leading the way outside the continental United States are:

Hand lacerations - You must take and wear proper personal protection equipment – the wing will provide it.

Smashed fingers - Get help lift-

ing items, wear PPE, slow down, use proper tools.

Slips, trips and falls - Don't rush, take a flashlight, look where you are going before you start.

Back strain - Get help and don't think you are Superman/woman. You will be much further ahead by taking the time to get help rather than hurting yourself and causing a shortage in your section.

Vehicle operations and corresponding mishaps are taking a toll on our members and limited equipment. You must be trained and certified to operate the equipment you are operating. The local hazards have been determined and driving regulations have been established to prevent mishaps. Follow them!

All supervisors should review Air Force Pamphlet 91-216 (USAF

SAFETY Deployment & Contingency Pamphlet). There's very little it doesn't cover concerning safety and deploying. It is broken down into sections so all you have to do is pick out the sections that apply and review them.

Remember, if you chose to act in a reckless and unsafe manner, you should expect to be held accountable. This is not a game. We cannot afford to lose personnel because of preventable mishaps.

Review General Order 1A, under Prohibited Activities: No adopting of local pets. A recent event in the area of responsibility at base X ended up with approximately 50 people being treated for rabies because a group of U.S. civilian contract employees adopted a stray dog as a pet. It contracted rabies and bit or came into contact with all these people.

Military OneSource available to Reserve families

By Tech. Sgt. Pam Gabarron
302nd AW Family Support

Have you ever faced a problem at home and did not know who to contact for help? There are multiple resources available for families, but how do you know they understand the military community, especially the trials the reserve families face? There is one resource available to military families which is under-utilized by the military. The resource is Military OneSource,



previously known as Air Force OneSource.

There are many areas of concern that might affect families that Military OneSource can help with. This includes providing information in relation to personal and family readiness, child care, car repair, translation services, money management and counseling just to name a few.

Military OneSource is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. There is a variety of op-

tions available to contact them. You can call the toll-free number, available from the states and a limited amount of overseas locations, call collect from overseas, TTY/TDD toll-free number and a toll-free number for Spanish speakers. If you have access to the internet, they have a website that is available at any time too. The website is www.militaryonesource.com; the user ID is military and the password is onesource. Once logged in the user has the option of creating his or her own

account for future use.

Military OneSource consultants hold a Masters degree as a minimum and they are familiar with military issues. The services provided by Military OneSource are provided at no cost to Service members and their families.

If you would like more information, please contact the 302nd Airlift Wing Family Support office. We can be reached at 556-6505/7951, 1-800-446-9624 or by e-mail at 302MSG.DPMFR@302.peterson.af.mil.

Family Support office to offer seminar at 302nd AW Family Day

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton
Front Range Flyer

302nd Airlift Wing Family Day events are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Aug. 6. Equally important is what's scheduled before family day activities get underway.

The 302nd Airlift Wing Family Support office will begin the day hosting a spouse and family information seminar from 8 to 11 a.m. at Bldg. 890 in the 731st Airlift Squadron briefing room located on the first floor.

Representatives from the 302nd Mission

Support Flight, the legal, finance, family support, chaplains offices, TRICARE and the American Red Cross will be there to provide briefings on a wide range of topics dealing with deployment.

Topics covered will include DEERS, ID cards, and Service Members Group life insurance. TRICARE representatives will explain military medical insurance, while the legal office will provide briefings on preparing wills, obtaining a power of attorney, and the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. Finance will provide instruction on reading leave and

earnings statements.

"Our purpose of this annual seminar is to alleviate some of the concerns family members might have while a military spouse is away on temporary duty assignment," said Tech Sgt. Pamela Gabarron, 302nd Airlift Wing family support technician. "It's important they know what help is available to answer their questions."

For information, contact Tech. Sgt. Henrietta Gilreath, NCO in charge of the family support, or Sergeant Gabarron at 556-6505/7951.

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ings Plan, if you elected to do so. It is recommended that you check your SGLI through the local military personnel flight to ensure you have proper coverage.

Another very important item is Combat Zone Tax Exempt. This is applicable while in a combat zone. CZTE is a refund of your FITW and SITW taxes for each month in the combat zone. CZTE will adjust your taxable wages for the qualifying year. Generally, most people will receive the full amount of taxes back and full

amount of taxable wages reduced. There are, however, exceptions and they generally apply to the rank of major and above, with over 16 years, receiving flight pay. See the RPO to find out more.

Another item is power of attorney. The General Power of Attorney, in most cases, can be used while you are away TDY, the RPO; however, needs a Specific Power of Attorney. Your spouse, in regards to **your** pay, will not be able to get assistance without a Specific Power of Attorney. You should contact the legal office to discuss which power of attorney fits your specific needs.

The last item is Travel Allow-

ances, more commonly known as lodging and per diem. You will be filing various types of vouchers for reimbursement. Accrual vouchers are filed every 30 days while you are TDY from Peterson AFB, or are a non-commuter TDY to Peterson. You must be on orders for more than 45 days to file accruals. No receipts are required, only the activation order and CED orders. Receipts will be required once you file your final settlement voucher. It is your responsibility to maintain receipts.

This will be covered more thoroughly during the various briefings you will have. In addition, remember that split-disbursement to the GTC is manda-

tory, whether it is an accrual or final voucher. If your GTC payment is due and you have not received payment on your accrual or final voucher, you are still responsible for making the payment. Rates paid for lodging vary according to locality rate and per diem is based on the availability of meals. Currently, per diem for the combat zone is \$3.50 per day, as everything is available. This will also be covered at in-briefings.

While this may not answer all your questions, it does give you an idea of what to expect. Remember, it is **your** responsibility for knowing what is happening and that everything is taken care of before you are mobilized.

Group helps educators reach out to 'suddenly military' children

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Because of the high number of National Guardsmen and reservists fighting the war on terrorism, the Military Child Education Coalition has created a program to teach educators and others how to help “suddenly military” children of deployed citizens Soldiers.

The coalition established a workshop called the Supporting Children and Families of Guard and Reserve Institute. The institute is a professional development program to help teachers, counselors, administrators and guardsmen and reservists and their families to reach out to the children of guardsmen and reservists.

“What we talk about in this course are issues and insights to the kinds of things that children will deal with when a parent deploys,” said Joan Barrett, chair of the coalition’s Guard and Reserve initiative. The coalition ran a session of the workshop before its recent conference in Atlanta.

“What moms and counselors are going to find, hopefully, are clues to resilience — how to deal with their child as (he or she experiences) the loss of the other parent to deployment, and give (the child) some tools on how to come back and be a stronger, more resilient child as a result of this,” Ms. Barrett said.

Most workshop participants are volunteers or employees of Guard and Reserve family programs nationwide, Ms. Barrett said. Other attendees are school counselors who are “cognizant of the need to support the kids whose parents have been deployed,” she said.

“I think this is a phenomenal opportunity for school personnel to become aware of what the issues and identifiers are for their children whose parents are deployed,” Ms. Barrett said.

The purpose of the institute is to identify key folks within each state’s department of education, Ms. Barrett said.

“We try to focus on one state at a time and identify key educators, admin-

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New commander

Col. David R. DiVesta (left) and Lt. Col. Norman Anderson enter Bldg. 210 during 302nd Maintenance Squadron change of command ceremonies during the July unit training assembly. Colonel DiVesta relinquished command of the 302nd MXS to Colonel Anderson, the former 302nd Maintenance Group deputy commander and a 29-year military veteran. (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)

Family liaison officers provide vital link during time of grief

By Tech. Sgt. David D. Morton

Front Range Flyer

One of the first steps in helping families cope with the loss of a loved one is to provide a family liaison officer. These individuals should also be appointed for the families of military members categorized as wounded or missing in action, or as a prisoner of war

“Ideally, you would want to appoint someone as a FLO who knows the person,” said 2nd Lt. Benton Enomoto, 302nd Services Flight, officer in charge of readiness. “However, the person selected should not be so close to the person that they’re grieving.”

The FLO is the family’s main point of contact, providing a direct link to meet the needs of the family by offering information and contact for other support agencies including the military personnel flight, mortuary

affairs, chaplains, Red Cross and finance. Other key agencies include casualty affairs representatives, family support centers, judge advocates and public affairs.

The FLO is responsible for documenting everything done to aid the family, and helps keep the military chain of command informed. The FLO should remain in contact with the family for as long as necessary.

“Anyone serving as a FLO should be someone equal to or above the rank of the deceased,” said Tech. Sgt. Robert Bostick, 302nd SVF mortuary affairs instructor. “They’re appointed by the commander.”

The commander’s job does not end there. He or she is responsible for having the services flight train FLOs, checking the status of the family, keeping the chain of command informed, reviewing FLO logs, monitoring FLO stress or burnout and contacting the family as the anniversary date of the inci-

dent draws near.

The services flight will provide training for those individuals identified as a FLO by the commander once the flight is contacted to train the individual. It’s mandatory for anyone with the rank of E-7 and above in the services flight to understand how to provide FLO services.

“The FLO is the most important person in the program,” said Maj. Blaine Linderman, 302nd SVF commander, while giving a class during July’s unit training assembly. “They’re in place to relieve as much stress as possible.

“We owe it to our families to do this right. It’s part of our mission — our heritage.”

Families needing further advice or support can access the following sites: <http://survivorassistance.afsv.af.mil>; usafhelp@pentagon.af.mil; or by calling 1-877-USAHELP (1-877-872-3435).

Confidentiality, coordinators help victims of sexual assault

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Military people who are victims of sexual assault now have the option of making a confidential report and receiving medical assistance without initiating a military investigation.

A new Department of Defense policy establishes sexual assault response coordinators at all military installations, including Air Force Reserve Command bases. SARC's help people who want to report sexual assault, without involving law enforcement, and who may need assistance in accessing military and community support.

Maj. Denise Thompson, chief of behavioral health at AFRC headquarters at Robins AFB, said interim SARC's are trained and in place at all command bases. The command is in the process of hiring permanent coordinators.

One reason victims hesitate to report sexual assaults is they don't want to get involved in any subsequent law enforcement investigation or criminal trial. This new DOD policy allows military victims time to determine if they want to go through an investigation and subsequent trial.

DOD has mandated an option of making a restricted (confidential) report. A restricted report allows victims to receive medical care and counseling, along with access to a victim advocate, but does not initiate the investigative process or notification to the commander.

Air Force reservists may report a sexual assault to a SARC any time, but only sexual assaults occurring during military status are eligible for restricted reporting, the major said. Sexual assaults occurring while reservists are in civilian status are referred to a local agency for medical care and may be reported to the local authorities. A report of a civilian sexual assault does not require a report to a commander.

"With restricted reporting, the victim will be provided information regarding the collection of evidence," Major Thompson said. "Any evidence collected will be maintained for up to one year, allowing the victim to choose to have an investigation at a later date. Only SARC's are able to determine if a sexual assault meets the restricted report requirements."

Health-care providers will administer appropriate emergency medical care and notify

the SARC immediately to initiate the restricted reporting process and will have confidentiality regarding the report, Major Thompson said. Health-care providers and medical professionals will not contact security forces as previously required.

Reports of sexual assault made to chaplains are not considered restricted but do remain privileged. Chaplains, in turn, will assist victims in notifying a SARC so the victims will have the restricted report option.

"Currently, when a report of sexual assault is made through normal reporting channels, which includes the victim's chain of command, law enforcement, the Office of Special Investigations or other criminal investigative services, it is known as an unrestricted report," Major Thompson said. "Unrestricted reports immediately initiate an investigation. Still, the SARC will be notified, and support will be provided to the victim throughout the investigation.

"Third-party reports can be made to the SARC, but the victim will have to notify the SARC for a restricted report. If a third-party reports a sexual assault to any other agency, then the normal investigation process will occur."

Major Thompson said it is extremely important that victims of sexual assault seek assistance.

"Victims need to realize that help is available and that they don't have to go through this experience alone," she said. "DOD and the Air Force are committed to taking care of victims with sensitivity, dignity and respect. We hope that the restricted report option will encourage more people to come forward and report sexual assault."

Under the SARC program, sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault or attempts to commit these acts.

More information about the new DOD sexual assault reporting policy is available from base SARC's or Major Thompson at DSN 497-0391 or (478) 327-0391. Her e-mail address is denise.thompson@afrc.af.mil. (AFRC News Service from Citizen Airman magazine)

Victim advocate available to assist

By Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor
Front Range Flyer

The Department of Defense has established a new sexual assault reporting policy.

With that policy comes the appointment of sexual assault response coordinators at all military installations. The SARC's run the programs at their respective installations with the assistance of volunteer victim advocates.

Senior Master Sgt. Kelli Wolf, 302nd Communications Flight, superintendent, is one such volunteer. She not only serves the 302nd Airlift Wing, but is also available to all of Peterson Air Force Base, to include military, civilians and family members.

"The victim advocates are the ones who are tasked by the SARC and the base wing commander," Sergeant Wolf said. "I work in coordination with the SARC and the base."

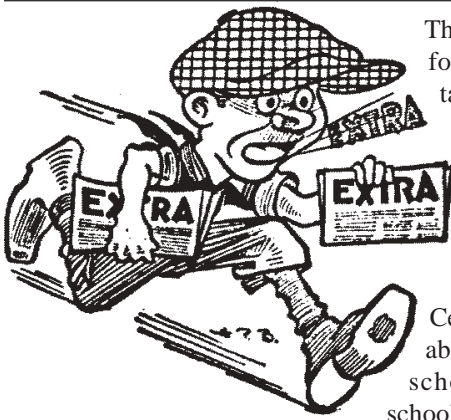
Sergeant Wolf's responsibilities cover more than just sexual assaults. She may be asked to respond to any situation where someone feels they are the victim of a possible crime.

"It now covers any type of victim," she said. "It could include robbery from a dorm room."

Sergeant Wolf has been a victim advocate for about a year and her responsibilities include crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support. Her duties do not include providing counseling or therapeutic services.

As an advocate to sexual assault victims she will have access to covered communications. This includes oral, written or electronic communication of personally identifiable information made by the victim.

Sergeant Wolf said a victim advocate's services continue "as long as the victim believes they need the support and as long as the SARC deems it necessary."



Temporary road closures affect Pete

The 21st Civil Engineer Squadron Horizontal shop will be making pothole repairs base wide until to early August.

The repairs vary from the parking lot at the shoppette to roads such as Vincent, Ent and Otis. Each closure will start at the end of the work day, asphalt removal will occur overnight and new asphalt will be placed in the morning, opening the area to traffic later in the day.

The repairs are necessary for vehicular safety. Contact 21st CES Customer Service at 556-4030 to report new potholes.

Before/after school slots available

The Peterson Youth Center still has space available for before and/or after school care this coming school year.

Children who attend Monroe Elementary in District 11 are guaranteed transportation to and from school and the youth center.

For families whose children attend Remington Elementary in District 49, the youth center is planning to transport children to and from school and the center this school year as well.

The Peterson B/A program is accredited by the National Afterschool Association and is one of only seven programs in Colorado Springs that has this

accreditation. Three of the seven programs are on military installations. Additionally, the center is certified by the Department of Defense.

The youth center provides care on all school closure days (in-service, breaks, snow days, etc.) to avoid the worry of finding alternate care.

Parents interested in learning more about the program or registering can call the youth center at 556-7220 or stop by the center in Bldg. 1550 (located directly across Peterson Boulevard from the base auditorium).

You just might be TRICARE eligible

Individuals may be eligible to purchase TRICARE Reserve Select for themselves and family members if they meet the following conditions:

- You are called or ordered under Title 10 in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 consecutive days on or

after Sept. 11, 2001.

- You have served continuously on active duty for 90 days or more under such call or order—the length of time served determines the maximum period of coverage offered to you under TRICARE Reserve Select.

- You must enter an agreement to serve in the Selected Reserve before leaving active duty.

Visit www.tricare.osd.mil/reserve/reserveselect for more detailed information about TRICARE Reserve Select coverage.

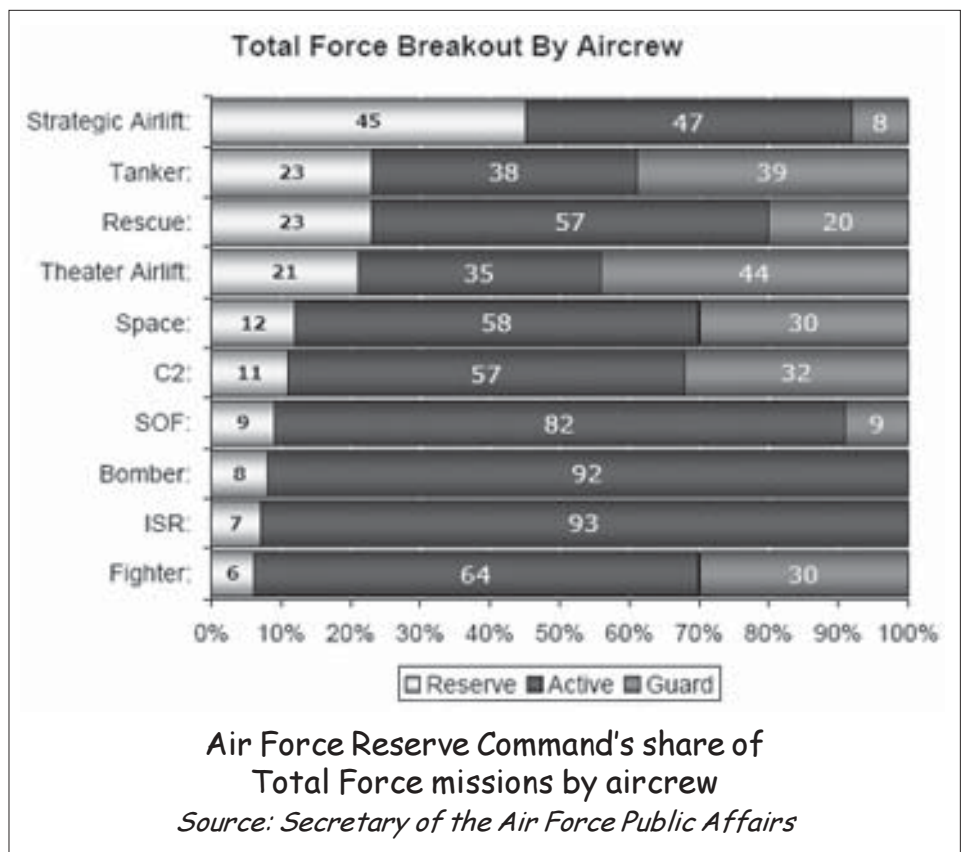
The member has to initiate the agreement on the TRICARE Reserve Select portal, <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>, then the member must fax the DD 2895 to the Air Reserve Personnel Center Contact Center. The phone number is 1-800-525-0102 or DSN 926-0102.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact 302nd Mission Support Flight customer service at 556-7976.



New leader

Maj. Douglas N. Strawbridge speaks to the audience after assuming command of the 302nd Airlift Control Flight during the July unit training assembly. The major is nearing his 18th anniversary of military service. (U.S. Air Force photo by Robb Lingley, 21st Space Communications Squadron)



Unit Training Assembly Schedule

Aug. 6-7

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>POC</u>
S A T U R D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0715 – 1100	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg. 893, Conference Room	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 0900	No Meeting Period	All Locations	CV/6-7087
	0745 – 1115	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0800 – 1100	Spouse/Family Meeting	Bldg. 890 conference room	DPMFR/6-6505/7951
	1000 – 1600	Military Clothing Sales	Bldg. 1466	LSM/6- 3227
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1100 – 1600	302nd AW Family Day	Bldg. 210, Hangar 1	DPMFR/6-6505/7951
	1215 – 1530	CDC/PME Testing	Bldg. 895, Room 203/204	DPMT/6-7573/7250/7950
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	2000 – 2300	Late Night Carry-out	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
S U N D A Y	0530 – 0800	Breakfast/Brunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	0730 – 0830	Chiefs' Group Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCC/6-8132
	0730 – 1200	MPF Hours	Bldg. 895, Room 219A	DPMSC/6-8185
	0730 – 1630	Physical Exams	Clinic	ASTS/6-1132
	0900 – 1000	First Sergeants Meeting	Silver Spruce Golf Course	CCF/6-8307
	1000 – 1100	Homosexual Policy Training	Bldg. 890, 2nd Floor Briefing Room	JA/6-8140
	1000 – 1100	Family Support Unit Representative Mtg.	Bldg. 895, Training Room	DPMFR/6-6505
	1100 – 1300	Lunch	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180
	1300 – 1530	Self Aid/Buddy Care Refresher	Bldg. 350, Room 2127	ASTS/6-1132
	1600 – 1800	Dinner	Aragon Dining Facility	SVMFA/6-4180

✓ **Can't make the UTA but you made lodging reservations?**
Contact Master Sgt. Terry Brassard at (719) 556-4001 or 1-800-446-9624 to cancel.

✓ **Want an event on next month's schedule?** Call (719) 556-4117 or e-mail 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil.

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istrators and student-service personnel," she said. "Workshop participants will take back information and concepts to the personnel in their districts."

Guardsmen and reservists are typically not clustered around military installations, Ms. Barrett said.

"So, therefore, they don't have the same support services as active-duty personnel," she said. "They may not even be aware of what's available to their kids."

The workshop helps participants understand what children's reactions to a parent's deployment might be.

"Focus is the child," Ms. Barrett said, adding that, "there's an essential connection between what happens to that child and the parent that's left behind, or the caregiver that's not the parent — the aunt, uncle, grandma."

Walter Yourstone, the education coalition's project director, said the nature of Guard and Reserve duty has fundamentally changed with the war on terrorism.

"We've gone from a mindset where Guard and Reserve duty meant one weekend a month, two weeks a year, to a dynamic where many guardsmen and reservists have been mobilized in the U.S. or deployed overseas to combat duty," said Mr. Yourstone, a retired Navy submarine captain from Kings Bay, Ga.

He said deployments are happening more frequently, for longer periods of time, and they are into combat zones.

"We're also seeing the cycle repeating itself where some servicemembers are on their second, possibly third, deployment in support of the global war on terrorism," Mr. Yourstone said.

"What we're seeing is something that the active duty realizes — the necessity to provide strong family-support structures," he said.

The workshop also discusses the types of challenges families and children face through the process of deployment and the emotional cycle of deployment. This includes preparation for return and the homecoming itself.

Organizers ask participants to identify people who can sponsor support networks for these "suddenly military families."

Since all states are affected by the war on terror, the education coalition is trying to get as many states involved as possible, Mr. Yourstone said.

He said the first such workshop was conducted in Texas in 2004 and several workshops were piloted during the past school year, training 241 people.

"We sat down in November 2004 and tried to craft a concept of this institute," he said.

The coalition plans to conduct training sessions in eight more states by the end of the year. They include Georgia, Florida, South and North Carolina, Tennessee, Washington, Texas and Maryland. The organization earmarked these states because of their large numbers of deployed guardsmen and reservists, said Larry Moehnke, the coalition's chief of staff.

On average, each state has had at least 4,000 deployed at any given time, he said. Ultimately, the coalition hopes to bring the workshop to 25 states annually.

Sharp Troop of the Month

Name: Leandria Rodriguez
Rank: Staff Sgt.
Section: 302nd Airlift Wing Education and Training Office
Job: Education and Training Technician



Date assigned: January 2005

Hometown: Norfolk, Va.

Hobbies: I have kids; I don't have time for hobbies!

Favorite thing about your job: "The people. I like working with them. This is actually one of those jobs where you can see the results of your work. If you do it right, people are happy."

Supervisors - Nominate a Sharp Troop by contacting the editor of the Front Range Flyer at 302aw.pa@302.peterson.af.mil, or call (719) 556-4117, or toll free (800) 446-9624.

Retirees

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy J. Sandon, 302nd OG
 Staff Sgt. Steven M. Coberly, 302nd MXS

Newcomers

302nd Airlift Wing
 Amn. Albert M. Birdsall
302nd Mission Support Group
 Capt. Kandace M. Steinbrink
302nd Operations Group, Det. 1
 Maj. Lisa Mase
302nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron
 Maj. Stephen S. Farkas
302nd Maintenance Squadron
 Amn. Christopher R. Brooks
 Amn. Allen S. Clutter
 Senior Airman Edward J. Dibona
 Senior Airman Lailarose M. Fernandez
 Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Meyer
 Staff Sgt. John D. Miller
302nd Security Forces Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Theodore R. Zywiec
39th Aerial Port Squadron
 Airman 1st Class Terrance G. Clements
 Senior Airman Jeffery P. Eichers

731st Airlift Squadron
 Capt. Gregory B. Berry
 Maj. David J. Condit
 Maj. Robert J. Fairbanks
 Capt. Ryan T. McCreight
302nd Airlift Control Flight
 Master Sgt. Ricky L. Erickson
302nd Communications Flight
 Senior Airman Carlos R. Mathew
310th Space Group
 Capt. Gregory K. Bules
310th Security Forces Squadron
 Senior Airman Philip J. Conley
6th Space Operations Squadron
 Staff Sgt. Leslie L. Johnson
14th Test Squadron
 Capt. Shawn D. Dickman
19th Space Operations Squadron
 Senior Airman David Sullivan Jr.
26th Space Agressor Squadron
 Maj. Daniel R. Bourque

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 Vincent E. West



Hollywood Hercs

Martin Wood, a director with the science fiction TV series Stargate SG-1, pans a group of 302nd Airlift Wing C-130s. Mr. Wood and his crew visited the 302nd AW July 22 to film establishing shots for the next season of Stargate shows. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Taylor)

Colorado reservists monitor Hurricane Dennis

By Capt. Sheila Demboski and
Senior Master Sgt. Troy Wilds
6th Space Operations Squadron

As Category 4 Hurricane Dennis wreaked havoc on the U.S. Gulf Coast recently, one watchful unit kept an eye on the storm. The 6th Space Operations Squadron is a Reserve unit under the 310th Space Group at Schriever Air Force Base.

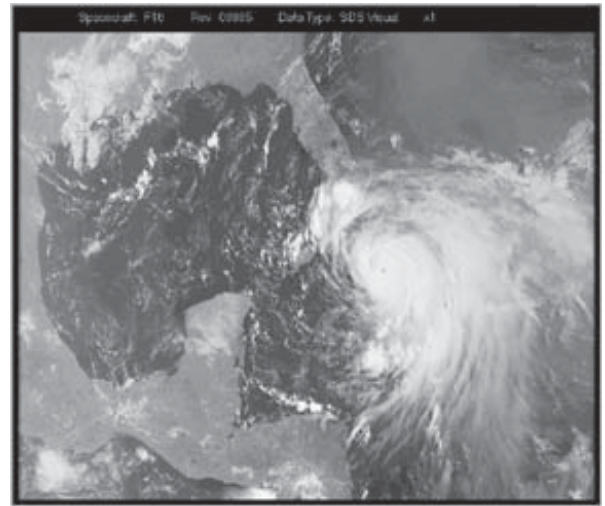
The unit is the hot back-up to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and collects weather data from the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program. The DMSP data is used by NOAA and the National Hurricane Center as an integral part of hurricane predication, tracking and aiding in planning of evacuation directives. The squadron's reservists were hard at work in early July, collecting data leading up to and following hurricane landfall.

"I am extremely proud of the reservists of the 6th SOPS," said Lt. Col. Mark D. Hustedt, 6th SOPS commander. "The preci-

sion of DMSP data gave forecasters and authorities advance notice on resource protection activities and evacuation directives. There is no doubt this vital information saved lives and minimized property damage."

The hurricane predictions made possible by DMSP data are expected to have an especially high impact for the 2005 hurricane season. Forecasters predict 12 to 15 tropical storms, nine of which are expected to develop into hurricanes. They further add that up to five could become major hurricanes with significant impact to the Eastern seaboard.

"Forecaster confidence that this will be an active hurricane season is very high," said Navy Vice Adm. Conrad Lautenbacher, administrator of NOAA. This reflects an



The 6th Space Operations Squadron tracks Hurricane Dennis as it nears the Florida coastline July 8. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Sheila Demboski)

expected continuation of above-average activity that began in 1995, the second stormiest season in recorded history with 19 tropical storms, 11 reaching hurricane strength.

"In fact, current conditions have already become favorable for hurricane activity in the Caribbean Sea as we saw with Hurricane Dennis," said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center. "These conditions include warmer-than-normal sea surface temperatures (one to two degrees Fahrenheit above normal) and the lack of vertical-wind shear. However, it is difficult to say how long these conditions will persist," he added.

With the threat of such a damaging hurricane season ahead, plus a host of other climatic events to monitor, 2005 should prove to be a particularly busy year for the 6th SOPS. In addition to a myriad of civilian applications, DMSP has the primary mission of providing near real-time environmental data to strategic and tactical military commanders. Military operations worldwide are dependent upon accurate environmental data to plan and execute their missions. The 6th SOPS and the Air Force Reserve continue to support the nation in all of its weather needs.



Left to right, Maj. James McCormack, 6th Space Operations Squadron flight commander; Maj. Michael Figurski, 6th SOPS crew commander; and Tech Sgt. Ron Malone, 6th SOPS satellite systems operator, track Hurricane Dennis. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Sheila Demboski)